

# RARITAN VALLEY ARTS ASSOCIATION

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## February 2004 NEWSLETTER

### Snowflake and Icicle Greetings!

Enjoying painting snow scenes? Reflections on icy walks? Slithering across icy walks? Take time out Monday, February 23<sup>rd</sup> to watch our terrific demonstrator Delores Ann Ziegler. The multi-award winner and teacher/demonstrator will be our guest at the Somerset County Library at 7:30 pm on that evening and we know you'll have a great time and learn a lot. Rosemary Zangara will be providing the refreshments, and we thank her for that, and also Mary Lou Guididas who provided a festive spread for us at our January meeting.

And at that January meeting Bob Erdman and Felicity Martin both won small matted and framed paintings done by your editor and demonstrator on Yupo "paper". Proceeds went to RVAA. Speaking of Yupo, there is so much you can do on it; just remember to have fun and play with it. Let the wondrous effects happen. And if you wish to read about this 100% waterproof synthetic "paper" you can go to [www.yupo.com](http://www.yupo.com). There's lots of information there, not on it as an art paper so much, as having to do with the fact that Yupo has been around for over three decades and is used for many things.

Hooray! Debbie Hughes has once again kindly offered to be the Chairwoman, well, really, the total organizer of our annual **BIG APPLE TRIP!** Tentatively scheduled for Saturday, **APRIL 17** there will be more on this in the next Newsletter, but the cost will probably be \$25. As most of you know this is a great price for being picked up at the Somerset County Library, comfortably bussed to the Metropolitan Museum of Art, picked up there (if you wish you can just remain at the Met and are later picked up there), and transported downtown to the Salmagundi Club for the American Watercolor Society Show and/or the Forbes Museum. We leave about 8:45 am and return about 6 pm. Debbie will be at our Feb. 23 meeting with final details; these will also be in our March Newsletter. Thank you, Debbie!

**ATTENTION, PLEASE!** The Bridgewater Committee for Creative Arts is sponsoring their annual art show in the Bridgewater Municipal Building. You may enter if you are either a resident of Bridgewater (and you may be a resident, due to some quirks of the P.O., even if your mailing address is Bound Brook, Martinsville, or even Basking Ridge), or you're a student of a Bridgewater teacher (like Ruth Wilson or yours truly). Delivery is March 1<sup>st</sup> 9-5; pick-up is March 31<sup>st</sup>. Four paintings may be entered; there are some prizes and ribbons in both Pro and Non-pro categories. For a detailed prospectus, you may phone Chairman Dr. Frank W. Dittman at 908/722-6217, or simply bring your work into the main conference room, second level, Bridgewater Municipal Bldg. on March 1<sup>st</sup>.

A website you might want to peruse is [www.newamgallery.com](http://www.newamgallery.com). I haven't checked it out yet, but it was started by Garden State Associate Member Russ Johnson and more and more watercolorists, and I believe other artists, are putting work online. Russ runs juried shows and awards prizes. Currently there is a national watercolor show online which runs through February 17<sup>th</sup>, and there will also be a round of Spring Invitational Exhibits.

There is a show "Natirar" which runs through February, both at the Bernardsville Library, and in the Somerset Cultural & Heritage Gallery in the Somerset County Administration Building on Grove Street, Somerville. Natirar is that large estate King Hussein owned and certain artists were asked to paint there by the director of the Bernardsville Library, Kathy Palmer. The results, on exhibit, include works by RVAA members Elsa Herrmann, Rae Hoffman, Joan Raushi, Nona Rutter, Debbie Tintle, Dorothy Varrone, Ruth Wilson, and Audrey Wreszin.

Alright now, go back to your painting, but if you feel like it first, please drop me a note with **YOUR NEWS!**

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